

Total inbound visitors for May were estimated at 262,205, an increase of 18.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2017.

Inbound Tourism: May 2018

A total of 230,960 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 17,276 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 18.6 per cent to 222,153 when compared to the corresponding month in 2017. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (36.0 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (31.8 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 20.2 per cent when compared to May 2017, reaching 1.7 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (58.5 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €197.0 million, an increase of 16.6 per cent over the corresponding month in 2017 (Table 4).

January-May 2018

Inbound tourist trips for the first five months of 2018 reached 904,799, an increase of 18.5 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 18.5 per cent, reaching nearly 5.9 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €628.3 million, 12.2 per cent higher than that recorded for 2017 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €694, a decrease of 5.3 per cent when compared to 2017 (Table 11) ■

Chart1. Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)

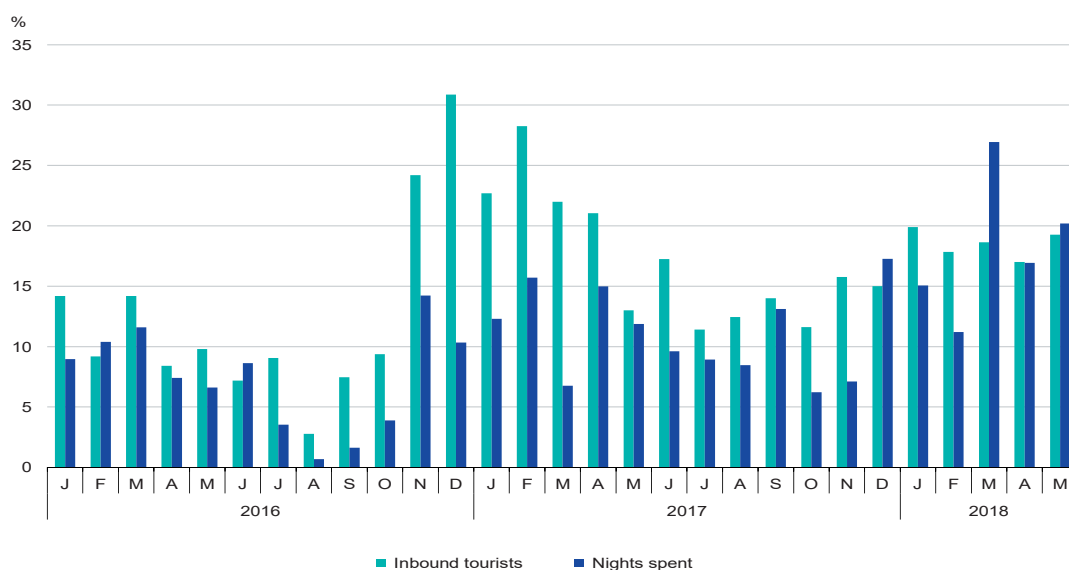


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Total inbound visitors	191,967	220,918	262,205	41,287	18.7
Overnight cruise passengers	1,381	5,545	5,326	-219	-3.9
Inbound tourists	190,586	215,373	256,879	41,506	19.3
Mode of travel					
Air	186,639	211,252	252,281	41,029	19.4
Sea	3,947	4,121	4,598	-	-
Sex					
Males	94,485	110,733	122,491	11,758	10.6
Females	96,102	104,640	134,388	29,747	28.4
Age group					
0-24	26,378	29,610	37,303	7,694	26.0
25-44	66,351	86,365	92,350	5,985	6.9
45-64	65,010	68,710	81,677	12,967	18.9
65 or more	32,847	30,688	45,549	14,860	48.4
Markets					
EU	166,426	187,315	222,153	34,838	18.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	90,514	106,683	126,858	20,174	18.9
Non-EU	24,161	28,058	34,726	6,668	23.8
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	164,929	177,527	230,960	53,433	30.1
Business and professional	13,072	21,984	17,276	-4,708	-21.4
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	12,585	15,863	8,644	-7,219	-45.5
Organisation of stay					
Package	75,804	73,679	88,286	14,607	19.8
Non-package	114,783	141,694	168,593	26,899	19.0
Frequency					
First-time tourists	133,667	158,771	189,994	31,222	19.7
Repeat tourists	56,920	56,602	66,885	10,283	18.2
once a year or less	42,327	40,430	49,048	8,618	21.3
more than once a year	14,593	16,172	17,838	1,666	10.3
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	41,682	53,696	54,499	-	-
4-6 nights	50,959	64,679	78,821	14,142	21.9
7 nights or more	97,946	96,998	123,559	26,561	27.4
Average length of stay (nights)	6.6	6.6	6.6	0.0	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	169,901	191,040	226,577	35,536	18.6
Collective	137,332	148,569	166,372	17,803	12.0
Other rented	32,569	42,471	60,204	17,733	41.8
Non-rented accommodation	20,685	24,333	30,302	5,969	24.5
Total tourists	190,586	215,373	256,879	41,506	19.3

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Please refer to methodological note 10 for further details on accommodation classification.

Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	1,098,746	1,217,403	1,459,173	241,770	19.9
Collective	823,522	836,122	995,269	159,146	19.0
Other rented	275,224	381,281	463,905	82,624	21.7
Non-rented accommodation	166,384	197,967	241,919	43,952	22.2
Total nights	1,265,130	1,415,370	1,701,093	285,722	20.2

Notes:

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2. Please refer to methodological note 10 for further details on accommodation classification.

Table 4. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category

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Expenditure category	May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Package	48,734	45,636	59,210	13,573	29.7
Non-package	46,665	58,581	64,804	6,223	10.6
Air/sea fares	22,135	26,840	32,713	5,873	21.9
Accommodation	24,531	31,741	32,091	350	1.1
Other expenditure	58,996	64,812	72,993	8,182	12.6
Total expenditure	154,395	169,029	197,007	27,978	16.6

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by month of departure and country of residence

Country of residence		May			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	EU	166,426	187,315	222,153	34,838	18.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	16,906	19,707	28,311	8,604	43.7
	Germany	17,603	16,285	21,829	5,544	34.0
	Italy	24,657	33,595	33,669	-	-
	United Kingdom	51,025	51,197	66,117	14,920	29.1
	Non-EU	24,161	28,058	34,726	6,668	23.8
	Total	190,586	215,373	256,879	41,506	19.3
Nights	EU	1,077,756	1,191,532	1,431,759	240,226	20.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	105,643	134,849	182,341	47,492	35.2
	Germany	133,813	111,516	159,189	47,672	42.7
	Italy	123,625	177,507	179,729	-	-
	United Kingdom	371,088	357,973	468,959	110,986	31.0
	Non-EU	187,374	223,838	269,334	45,496	20.3
	Total	1,265,130	1,415,370	1,701,093	285,722	20.2
Expenditure (€000)	EU	127,527	137,471	160,176	22,705	16.5
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	12,862	15,866	21,342	5,476	34.5
	Germany	15,414	13,877	18,545	4,669	33.6
	Italy	12,863	16,973	16,880	-	-
	United Kingdom	43,449	41,268	53,406	12,137	29.4
	Non-EU	26,868	31,558	36,831	5,273	16.7
	Total	154,395	169,029	197,007	27,978	16.6

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Total inbound visitors	640,563	772,850	911,093	138,244	17.9
Overnight cruise passengers	3,751	9,001	6,294	-2,707	-30.1
Inbound tourists	636,812	763,849	904,799	140,951	18.5
Mode of travel					
Air	619,606	747,700	888,742	141,043	18.9
Sea	17,206	16,149	16,057	-	-
Sex					
Males	325,162	403,060	450,832	47,772	11.9
Females	311,650	360,789	453,968	93,179	25.8
Age group					
0-24	99,659	123,102	145,167	22,064	17.9
25-44	211,933	282,033	328,038	46,005	16.3
45-64	216,288	252,808	299,474	46,666	18.5
65 or more	108,932	105,905	132,120	26,215	24.8
Markets					
EU	552,589	668,105	785,856	117,751	17.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	297,646	388,762	457,242	68,480	17.6
Non-EU	84,223	95,744	118,944	23,199	24.2
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	534,299	617,933	788,219	170,286	27.6
Business and professional	54,697	85,568	71,056	-14,512	-17.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	47,816	60,348	45,525	-14,823	-24.6
Organisation of stay					
Package	264,025	268,650	328,675	60,025	22.3
Non-package	372,786	495,199	576,124	80,925	16.3
Frequency					
First-time tourists	439,877	542,907	674,663	131,757	24.3
Repeat tourists	196,935	220,942	230,136	9,194	4.2
once a year or less	136,153	153,230	160,252	7,022	4.6
more than once a year	60,781	67,712	69,884	2,172	3.2
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	138,624	200,633	219,324	18,691	9.3
4-6 nights	184,985	232,594	292,184	59,590	25.6
7 nights or more	313,203	330,622	393,292	62,669	19.0
Average length of stay (nights)	6.9	6.5	6.5	0.0	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	563,890	678,701	794,097	115,395	17.0
Collective	468,396	544,687	619,655	74,968	13.8
Other rented	95,494	134,014	174,441	40,427	30.2
Non-rented accommodation	72,922	85,147	110,703	25,555	30.0
Total tourists	636,812	763,849	904,799	140,951	18.5

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Please refer to methodological note 10 for further details on accommodation classification.

Table 8. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	3,777,309	4,239,764	4,916,376	676,613	16.0
Collective	2,909,492	3,096,934	3,541,612	444,677	14.4
Other rented	867,816	1,142,829	1,374,765	231,935	20.3
Non-rented accommodation	624,240	702,487	942,281	239,794	34.1
Total nights	4,401,548	4,942,251	5,858,657	916,406	18.5

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Please refer to methodological note 10 for further details on accommodation classification.

Table 9. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence

Country of residence		January-May			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	Australia	6,037	6,680	7,944	-	-
	Austria	8,600	10,849	14,739	3,889	35.8
	Belgium	13,109	30,916	26,680	-4,236	-13.7
	France	49,450	59,873	77,741	17,868	29.8
	Germany	57,954	67,994	92,795	24,801	36.5
	Hungary	6,231	7,038	7,823	-	-
	Ireland	12,277	12,068	14,347	2,279	18.9
	Italy	100,921	128,078	139,159	11,080	8.7
	Netherlands	15,812	21,585	22,283	-	-
	Poland	20,695	30,492	37,442	6,950	22.8
	Scandinavia*	38,579	36,717	41,031	4,313	11.7
	Spain	14,865	24,263	28,615	4,352	17.9
	Switzerland	10,087	12,977	14,010	-	-
	United Kingdom	185,523	191,218	224,490	33,272	17.4
	USA	8,648	12,043	15,241	3,199	26.6
	Other	88,023	111,057	140,459	29,402	26.5
Total		636,812	763,849	904,799	140,951	18.5
Nights	Australia	50,747	65,142	104,738	-	-
	Austria	54,695	65,855	86,823	20,967	31.8
	Belgium	77,473	165,479	148,951	-16,528	-10.0
	France	324,197	374,934	490,373	115,439	30.8
	Germany	438,349	465,161	643,073	177,912	38.2
	Hungary	47,877	39,474	41,049	-	-
	Ireland	84,722	79,505	92,762	13,257	16.7
	Italy	554,813	653,670	745,021	91,350	14.0
	Netherlands	98,886	138,471	140,808	-	-
	Poland	130,672	180,357	225,451	45,094	25.0
	Scandinavia*	253,491	235,812	273,744	37,932	16.1
	Spain	86,142	135,585	155,526	19,941	14.7
	Switzerland	60,710	82,537	95,550	-	-
	United Kingdom	1,417,657	1,377,960	1,522,471	144,511	10.5
	USA	57,100	68,917	89,376	20,459	29.7
	Other	664,018	813,391	1,002,942	189,551	23.3
Total		4,401,548	4,942,251	5,858,657	916,406	18.5
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	7,872	8,800	10,909	-	-
	Austria	6,604	9,276	11,280	2,004	21.6
	Belgium	10,986	20,734	17,498	-3,235	-15.6
	France	37,551	44,806	53,959	9,154	20.4
	Germany	48,480	53,235	69,563	16,328	30.7
	Hungary	3,942	4,204	4,261	-	-
	Ireland	9,594	9,202	10,454	1,251	13.6
	Italy	52,383	65,481	69,045	3,564	5.4
	Netherlands	10,948	15,832	15,398	-	-
	Poland	12,915	18,814	21,102	2,289	12.2
	Scandinavia*	32,467	30,923	32,811	1,887	6.1
	Spain	10,673	15,049	16,168	1,119	7.4
	Switzerland	9,873	13,055	13,324	-	-
	United Kingdom	140,316	137,017	154,654	17,637	12.9
	USA	9,256	12,584	15,470	2,887	22.9
	Other	83,018	100,979	112,361	11,382	11.3
Total		486,878	559,990	628,258	68,268	12.2

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 10. Total expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
January-May 2018					
Australia	:	4,153	1,616	3,862	10,909
Austria	4,910	1,514	1,362	3,493	11,280
Belgium	6,190	2,214	3,002	6,092	17,498
France	18,985	8,116	9,755	17,104	53,959
Germany	28,811	8,445	10,541	21,765	69,563
Hungary	724 ^u	930	898	1,710	4,261
Ireland	2,335	1,627	2,045	4,447	10,454
Italy	15,721	10,143	13,718	29,463	69,045
Netherlands	4,247	2,476	2,586	6,089	15,398
Poland	4,470	3,196	4,972	8,464	21,102
Scandinavia*	10,757	5,482	4,978	11,594	32,811
Spain	3,400	2,738	3,243	6,787	16,168
Switzerland	3,947	2,144	2,814	4,420	13,324
United Kingdom	54,926	18,401	22,450	58,877	154,654
USA	1,858 ^u	6,082	3,229	4,302	15,471
Other	23,655	26,439	20,096	42,170	112,361
Total	186,215	104,100	107,303	230,640	628,258
January-May 2017					
Australia	:	3,050	1,338	3,650	8,800
Austria	3,154	1,460	1,691	2,972	9,276
Belgium	5,050	3,566	4,918	7,199	20,734
France	14,698	6,475	7,895	15,737	44,806
Germany	20,730	6,221	8,216	18,067	53,235
Hungary	:	869	1,036	1,922	4,204
Ireland	1,465	1,517	2,002	4,218	9,202
Italy	15,765	8,282	12,062	29,371	65,481
Netherlands	3,931	2,697	2,782	6,422	15,832
Poland	3,999	2,785	3,776	8,254	18,814
Scandinavia*	9,365	5,123	4,702	11,733	30,923
Spain	3,123	2,205	3,052	6,669	15,049
Switzerland	3,237	2,349	2,703	4,766	13,055
United Kingdom	43,485	17,193	20,715	55,624	137,017
USA	2,161 ^u	3,766	2,860	3,796	12,584
Other	19,406	22,192	18,386	40,996	100,979
Total	150,708	89,751	98,134	221,397	559,990
January-May 2016					
Australia	:	3,154	1,231	2,981	7,872
Austria	3,081	704	567 ^u	2,253	6,604
Belgium	4,641	1,442	1,504	3,399	10,986
France	15,396	4,449	5,347	12,359	37,551
Germany	22,233	5,133	6,166	14,948	48,480
Hungary	688 ^u	593	701	1,960	3,942
Ireland	2,518	1,250	1,538	4,288	9,594
Italy	12,751	6,577	9,578	23,477	52,383
Netherlands	3,083	1,684	1,726	4,454	10,948
Poland	2,542	1,958	2,634	5,781	12,915
Scandinavia*	11,399	4,336	4,456	12,276	32,467
Spain	2,955	1,509	1,712	4,497	10,673
Switzerland	3,086	1,459	1,617	3,711	9,873
United Kingdom	47,389	18,290	18,987	55,650	140,316
USA	:	3,042	2,325	3,288	9,256
Other	19,491	16,567	13,577	33,384	83,018
Total	152,359	72,148	73,666	188,706	486,878

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 11. Per capita expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
January-May 2018					
Australia	:	623	327	486	1,373
Austria	655	209	217	237	765
Belgium	601	135	212	228	656
France	618	172	229	220	694
Germany	603	187	269	235	750
Hungary	349 ^u	162	217	219	545
Ireland	457	176	276	310	729
Italy	425	99	175	212	496
Netherlands	516	176	212	273	691
Poland	418	119	208	226	564
Scandinavia*	592	240	258	283	800
Spain	451	130	185	237	565
Switzerland	675	258	398	315	951
United Kingdom	549	147	239	262	689
USA	885 ^u	460	279	282	1,015
Other	689	248	230	300	800
Total expenditure per capita	567	180	228	255	694
January-May 2017					
Australia	:	517	325	546	1,317
Austria	643	246	327	274	855
Belgium	596	159	247	233	671
France	608	181	247	263	748
Germany	621	180	284	266	783
Hungary	:	147	204	273	597
Ireland	460	171	289	350	763
Italy	406	93	172	229	511
Netherlands	524	191	241	298	733
Poland	447	129	185	271	617
Scandinavia*	641	232	264	320	842
Spain	461	126	198	275	620
Switzerland	732	274	363	367	1,006
United Kingdom	538	156	265	291	717
USA	1,250 ^u	365	328	315	1,045
Other	671	270	270	369	909
Total expenditure per capita	561	181	245	290	733
January-May 2016					
Australia	:	617	306	494	1,304
Austria	567	222	234 ^u	262	768
Belgium	719	217	285	259	838
France	611	183	252	250	759
Germany	669	208	296	258	837
Hungary	364 ^u	137	215	315	633
Ireland	505	171	254	349	781
Italy	411	94	179	233	519
Netherlands	525	169	214	282	692
Poland	439	131	196	279	624
Scandinavia*	568	234	285	318	842
Spain	561	157	236	303	718
Switzerland	755	243	297	368	979
United Kingdom	565	180	267	300	756
USA	:	373	338	380	1,070
Other	662	283	282	379	943
Total expenditure per capita	577	194	252	296	765

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

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Table 12. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by month of departure

Characteristics	May		
	2016	2017	2018
Total overnight cruise passengers	1,381	5,545	5,326
Sex:			
Males	622	2,501	2,435
Females	759	3,044	2,891
Age group:			
0-19	2	115	53
20-39	30	415	297
40-59	171	1,522	1,053
60-79	986	3,085	3,556
80 or more	192	408	367
Markets:			
EU	1,119	5,085	2,626
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	990	3,029	466
Non-EU	262	460	2,700

Table 13. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by period of departure

Characteristics	January-May		
	2016	2017	2018
Total overnight cruise passengers	3,751	9,001	6,294
Sex:			
Males	1,740	4,170	2,885
Females	2,011	4,831	3,409
Age group:			
0-19	193	131	53
20-39	292	550	315
40-59	827	1,896	1,111
60-79	2,147	5,503	4,368
80 or more	292	921	447
Markets:			
EU	2,890	7,048	2,678
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	2,710	4,235	480
Non-EU	861	1,953	3,616

Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises of activities of non-resident visitors travelling to Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment), and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for leisure, business or other (corresponding) purposes.
2. Inbound tourism trips are collected from an ongoing frontier national survey known as Tourstat. Tourist air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport. A two-stage sampling design is used to collect air passengers. In the first stage, alternate days and nights are selected. In the second stage, within each shift, a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20 for air.
3. Tourstat measures the number of tourist trips carried out during a particular reference month. These differ from the number of tourists in that the same person can make more than one trip during the same period.
4. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey, conducted during three separate months every year at the Valletta Cruise Port. A quota sample is used to conduct sea passenger departures in which survey interviewers are guided to select people according to fixed quotas. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
5. Absolute and percentage changes between one survey estimate and another based on less than 1,500 tourists should be treated with caution and are represented in this news release by means of the dash symbol (-).
6. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to the number of inbound tourists because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers.
7. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruiseship in Malta is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
8. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Private Accommodation' instead of 'Collective Accommodation' as per Eurostat recommendation. In this regard, there may be minor differences in these statistics and statistics published in tourism supply due to the fact that hotels report time-share accommodation under 'Collective Accommodation'.
9. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>).
10. **Definitions:**
 - **Usual Environment:** The geographical area, though not necessarily a contiguous one, within which an individual conducts his regular life routines and shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria: the crossing of administrative borders or the distance from the place of usual residence, the duration of visit, the frequency of visit, the purpose of visit.
 - **Traveller:** A person who moves between different geographic locations, for any purpose and any duration.
 - **Visitor:** The three fundamental criteria used to distinguish visitors from travellers are:
 - a. **The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment**, which would exclude short-distance local transport and commuting, i.e. more or less regular trips between the place of work/study and the place of residence;
 - b. **The stay in the place visited should not last more than twelve consecutive months**, beyond which the visitor would become a resident of that place (from the statistical standpoint);
 - c. **The main purpose of the visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited**, which would exclude migratory movements for work purposes.
 - **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
 - **Inbound tourism:** Comprises the activities of non-resident visitors travelling to MALTA (i.e. outside their usual environment), and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for personal, business or other purposes.
 - **Total nights spent:** Nights which a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a collective accommodation establishment or in a private accommodation.
 - **Average length of stay:** The number of nights spent divided by the number of trips during a specified reference period.
 - **Rented accommodation:** consists of the following two sub-categories:
 - a. **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
 - b. **Other rented accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts and student dormitories.
 - **Non-rented accommodation:** comprises own private residence (owned dwellings, owned caravans and yachts), staying with friends or relatives (even if charged - includes also friends' private apartments) and other private accommodation (oil rig, free-convents, timeshare, dockyards (Palumbo), ship (used for work)).
 - **Total expenditure:** refers to the amount that is going to be paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables during tourism trips. It includes expenditures by visitors themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. Maltese residents are asked to budget the expenditures which they are about to incur when travelling abroad. The total expenditure is broken down by the following expenditure items:

- a. **Package expenditure:** refers to the whole amount of money spent in transport, accommodation and others services such as rental of a car, activities or outings during the trip.
- b. **Non-Package expenditure:** is the amount of money spent in transport and accommodation reported separately.
- c. **Other expenditure:** is the amount spent on shopping, souvenirs, tickets for concerts or a sport event, entrance to a museum or zoo, day excursions during a tourism trip. It also includes durables and valuable goods, that is, the amount spent on cars, computers paintings, jewellery and works of art.

11. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>

Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>

12. Any quotations from this news release are to be cited and/or referenced.

13. A detailed news release calendar is available on https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx